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- (t) Sorbent means materials essentially inert and insoluble used to remove oil from water through a variety of sorption mechanisms. Examples include straw, expanded perlite, polyurethane foam, reclaimed paper fibers, and peat moss.
- (u) Such quantities as may be harmful means those quantities of oil and any hazardous substances determined in accordance with the provisions of section 311(b)(4) of the Act.

NOTE: Regulations that relate to such quantities as may be harmful of oil are published in 40 CFR Part 110. Regulations that relate to such quantities as may be harmful (reportable quantities) of hazardous substances are published in 40 CFR Part 117 and also listed in 40 CFR Part 302.

- (v) United States means the States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.
- (w) Vessel means every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water other than a public vessel.

[CGD 84–067, 51 FR 17965, May 16, 1986, as amended by CGD 88–052, 53 FR 25121, July 1, 1988; CGD 96–026, 61 FR 33665, June 28, 1996; CGD 97–023, 62 FR 33363, June 19, 1997]

§ 153.105 FWPCA delegations and redelegation.

The delegations and redelegations under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) [33 U.S.C. 1321 et seq.] are published in §1.01–80 and §1.01–85, respectively, of this chapter.

[CGD 91–225, 59 FR 66485, Dec. 27, 1994]

§153.107 [Reserved]

§ 153.109 CERCLA delegations.

The delegations under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) are published in §1.01–70 of this chapter.

[CGD 83-009, 49 FR 575, Jan. 5, 1984]

Subpart B—Notice of the Discharge of Oil or a Hazardous Substance

§153.201 Purpose.

The purpose of this subpart is to prescribe the manner in which the notice required in section 311(b)(5) of the Act is to be given and to list the government officials to receive that notice.

§153.203 Procedure for the notice of discharge.

Any person in charge of a vessel or of an onshore or offshore facility shall, as soon as they have knowledge of any discharge of oil or a hazardous substance from such vessel or facility in violation of section 311(b)(3) of the Act, immediately notify the National Response Center (NRC), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593, toll free telephone number 800-424-8802 (in Washington, DC metropolitan area, (202) 267-2675). If direct reporting to the NRC is not practicable. reports may be made to the Coast Guard or EPA predesignated OSC for the geographic area where the discharge occurs. All such reports shall be promptly relayed to the NRC. If it is not possible to notify the NRC or the predesignated OSC immediately, reports may be made immediately to the nearest Coast Guard unit, provided that the person in charge of the vessel or onshore or offshore facility notifies the NRC as soon as possible.

NOTE: Geographical jurisdiction of Coast Guard and EPA OSC's are specified in the applicable Regional Contingency Plan. Regional Contingency Plans are available at Coast Guard District Offices and EPA Regional Offices as indicated in Table 2. Addresses and telephone numbers for these offices are listed in Table 1.

[CGD 84–067, 51 FR 17966, May 16, 1986, as amended by CGD 88–052, 53 FR 25121, July 1, 1988]

§ 153.205 Fines.

Section 311(b)(5) of the Act prescribes that any person who fails to notify the appropriate agency of the United States Government immediately of a Coast Guard, DOT § 153.205

discharge is, upon conviction, fined in imprisoned for not more than 5 years, accordance with Title 18, U.S. Code, or or both.

Table 1.—Addresses and Telephone Numbers of Coast Guard District Offices and EPA Regional Offices

	Address	Telephone
	EPA Regional Offices	
Region:		
1	1 Congress St., Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023	617-918-1111
2	290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866	212-637-3000
3	1650 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029	215-814-5000
4	Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth St., SW, Atlanta, GA 30303-3104	404-562-9900
5	77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604-3507	312-353-2000
6	Fountain Place 12th Floor, Suite 1200, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202–2733.	214–665–2200
7	901 North 5th St., Kansas City, KS 66101	913-551-7003
8	999 18th St., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202-2466	303-312-631
9	75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105	415-744-130
10	1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101	206-553-120
	Coast Guard District Offices	
District:		
1st	408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210-3350	617-223-8480
5th	Federal Building, 431 Crawford St., Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004	757-398-6638
7th	909 S.E. First Avenue, Miami, FL 33131-3050	305-536-565
8th	Hale Boggs Federal Bldg., 500 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130-3396.	504–589–690
9th	1240 E. 9th St., Cleveland, OH 44199-2060	216-902-604
11th	Coast Guard Island, Building 50-6, Alameda, CA 94501-5100	510-437-294
13th	Jackson Federal Bldg., 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98174-1067	206-220-7090
14th	Prince PJKK Federal Bldg., Room 9212, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96850-4982.	808-541-2114
17th	P.O. Box 25517, Juneau, AK 99802-5517	907-463-2199

TABLE 2—STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS OF STATES AND CORRESPONDING COAST GUARD DISTRICTS AND EPA REGIONS

States and EPA region	Coast Guard district
Region I:	
Maine	1st
New Hampshire	1st
Vermont:	
All except Northwestern portion	1st
Northwestern portion	1st
Massachusetts	1st
Connecticut	1st
Rhode Island	1st
Region II:	
New York:	
Coastal area and Eastern portion	1st
Great Lakes area and other portions	9th
New Jersey:	
Upper portion	1st
Lower portion	5th
Puerto Rico	7th
Virgin Islands	7th
Region III:	
Pennsylvania:	
Eastern portion	5th
Great Lakes area	9th
Southwestern portion	8th
Maryland	5th
Delaware	5th
West Virginia	8th
Virginia	5th
District of Columbia	5th

TABLE 2—STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS OF STATES AND CORRESPONDING COAST GUARD DISTRICTS AND EPA REGIONS—Continued

States and EPA region	Coast Guard district
Region IV:	
Kentucky	8th
Tennessee	8th
North Carolina	5th
South Carolina	7th
Georgia	7th
Florida:	
Atlantic and Gulf coasts	7th
Panhandle area	8th
Alabama	8th
Mississippi	8th
Region V:	
Minnesota:	
Great Lakes area	9th
Inland rivers area	8th
Wisconsin:	
Great Lakes area	9th
Inland rivers area	8th
MichiganIllinois:	9th
Great Lakes area	9th
Inland rivers area	8th
Indiana:	
Great Lakes area	9th
Inland rivers area	8th
Ohio:	
Great Lakes area	9th

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TABLE 2—STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS
OF STATES AND CORRESPONDING COAST
GUARD DISTRICTS AND EPA REGIONS—Continued

States and EPA region	Coast Guard district
Inland rivers area	8th
Region VI:	
New Mexico	8th
Texas	8th
Oklahoma	8th
Arkansas	8th
Louisiana	8th
Region VII:	
Nebraska	8th
lowa	8th
Kansas	8th
Missouri	8th
Region VIII:	
Montana	13th
Wyoming	8th
Utah	11th
Colorado	8th
North Dakota	8th
South Dakota	8th
Region IX:	
California	11th
Nevada	11th
Arizona	11th
Hawaii	14th
Guam	14th
American Samoa	14th
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	14th
Northern Mariana Islands	14th
Region X:	
Washington	13th
Oregon	13th
Idaho	13th
Alaska	17th

[CGD 84–067, 51 FR 17967, May 16, 1986, as amended by CGD 88–052, 53 FR 25121, July 1, 1988; CGD 97–023, 62 FR 33364, June 19, 1997; USCG–1998–3799, 63 FR 35530, June 30, 1998; USCG–2000–7223, 65 FR 40057, June 29, 2000]

Subpart C—Removal of Discharged Oil

§ 153.301 Purpose.

The purpose of this subpart is to prescribe methods and procedures to be used to remove discharges of oil from coastal waters.

§ 153.303 Applicability.

The provisions of this subpart apply to any owner or operator of a vessel or onshore or offshore facility from which a discharge of oil into coastal waters occurs who acts to remove or arranges for the removal of such discharges.

§153.305 Methods and procedures for the removal of discharged oil.

Each person who removes or arranges for the removal of a discharge of oil from coastal waters shall:

- (a) Use to the maximum extent possible mechanical methods and sorbents that:
- (1) Most effectively expedite removal of the discharged oil; and
- (2) Minimize secondary pollution from the removal operations;

Note: The Federal OSC is authorized by the provisions of the National Contingency Plan to require or deny the use of specific mechanical methods and sorbents. Sorbent selection considerations of the OSC include hydrographic and meteorological conditions, characteristics of the sorbent, and availability of a mechanical method for containment and recovery.

- (b) Control the source of discharge, prevent further discharges, and halt or slow the spread of the discharge by mechanical methods or sorbents or both to the maximum extent possible;
- (c) Recover the discharged oil from the water or adjoining shorelines by mechanical or manual methods or both to the maximum extent possible;
- (d) Use chemical agents only in accordance with the provisions of Subpart H of the National Contingency Plan and with the prior approval of the Federal OSC; and
- (e) Dispose of recovered oil and oil contaminated materials in accordance with applicable State and local government procedures.

[CGD 73–185, 41 FR 12630, Mar. 25, 1976, as amended by CGD 84–067, 51 FR 17966, May 16,

§153.307 Penalties.

Any person who fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of this part, or to comply with an order issued by the Federal On-Scene Coordinator under 33 U.S.C. §§ 1321(c) or (e)(1)(B), is liable for a civil penalty per day of violation or an amount equal to three times the costs incurred by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund as a result of such failure.

[USCG-1998-3799, 63 FR 35531, June 30, 1998]